## Claims

- 1. A protein of the following (a) or (b), or a salt thereof:
- (a) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID
- 5 NO:2, the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:25, or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these;
  - (b) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4, the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:27, or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these.

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- 2. A protein of any of the following (a1) to (a4) and (b1) to (b4), or a salt thereof:
- (al) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:27;
- (a2) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:27;
- 25 (a3) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:25, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:27;
- 30 (a4) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:25, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids

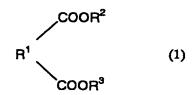
deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:27;

- (bl) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino
- 5 acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:25;
- (b2) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID
- or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:27, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:25:

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- 20 (b4) a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:27, which binds to a plasticizer when forming a complex with a protein having an amino acid sequence having one or two or more amino acids
  25 deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:25.
  - 3. A protein of the following (a) or (b), or a salt thereof:
  - (a) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID
- 30 NO:2 or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these;
  - (b) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these.
  - 4. The protein of claim 2 or 3, wherein the plasticizer is a

plasticizer represented by formula (1):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents o-phenylene, and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are the same or different and each represents H, a linear or branched alkyl baving 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a benzyl that may be substituted, or a cyclohexyl that may be substituted.

- 5. A method of genetically recombining a protein of any one of claims 1 to 4 and 6.
- 6. A protein obtained by the method of claim 5, or a salt thereof.
- 7. A partial peptide of a protein of any one of claims 1 to 4 and 6, or a salt thereof.
  - 8. A polynucleotide encoding a protein of any one of claims 1 to 4 and 6, or a partial peptide thereof.
- 20 9. A recombinant vector harboring the polynucleotide of claim 8.
  - 10. A transformant transformed with the recombinant vector of claim 9.
- 25 11. A method of producing a protein of any one of claims 1 to 4 and 6, a partial peptide thereof, or a salt thereof, which comprises producing a protein of any one of claims 1 to 4 and 6, a partial peptide thereof, or a salt thereof and harvesting the same.

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12. A complex wherein the following (a) and (b) are linked:

- (a) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2, the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:25, or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these;
- (b) a protein having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID
  5 NO:4, the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:27, or an amino acid sequence substantially the same as these.
  - 13. A method of identifying a plasticizer that binds to the complex of claim 12, which comprises using the complex.

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- 14. A method of measuring or quantifying a plasticizer, which comprises using the complex of claim 12.
- 15. A kit for measuring or quantifying a plasticizer, which comprises the complex of claim 12.
  - 16. A method of concentrating a plasticizer, which comprises using the complex of claim 12.
- 20 17. A kit for concentrating a plasticizer, which comprises the complex of claim 12.